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SUBJECT: W/W (ARRESTS): SCHEDULE OF VISITS TO PRISONERS

REF. 76 MUNICH 2755

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES POST'S SERIOUS CONCERN FOR WELFARE AMCIT PRISONERS EXEMPLIFIED BY WELL DEVELOPED, LUCID DIGEST GERMAN CRIMINAL JUDICIAL PROCEDURE AND PRISON CONDITIONS RECENTLY RECEIVED IN DEPARTMENT. MOREOVER, REFTEL CLEARLY DEMONSTRATES THAT MAINTENANCE OF REQUIRED MONTHLY VISITS WILL CONTINUE TO REQUIRE FULL TIME OF ONE CONSULAR OFFICER.

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2. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT UNDER CONDITIONS WHERE PRISONERS' RIGHTS AND WELLBEING ARE UNDER CONSTANT THREAT, A MAXIMUM CASELOAD SHOULD CONSIST OF 35 (THIRTY FIVE) PRISONERS PER FULL TIME OFFICER. HOWEVER, IN VIEW RELATIVE LACK OF PROBLEMS EXPERIENCED BY AMCITS INCARCERATED MUNICH DISTRICT, ONE FULL TIME OFFICER CAN PROBABLY CARRY CASE LOAD OF 50 (FIFTY) OR MORE PRISONERS.

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3. POST SHOULD BE AWARE DEPARTMENT IS COMMITTED TO CONGRESS TO ASSURE THAT ALL AMCITS IMPRISONED ABROAD WILL BE VISITED AT LEAST MONTHLY. WHILE AS A PRACTICAL MATTER DEPARTMENT PREPARED GRANT LIMITED NUMBER EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE, WE

CAN ONLY DO SO WHERE EXTREME REMOTENESS CLEARLY JUSTIFIES SCHEDULING OF VISITS OF LESSER FREQUENCY.

4. IN THIS LIGHT DEPARTMENT NOT RPT NOT PREPARED GRANT EXCEPTION MONTHLY VISIT REQUIREMENT.

5. PRISONER SERVICES, LIKE OTHER CITIZEN SERVICES, CAN NEVER UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES BE REGARDED AS PERIPHERAL OR "OPTIONAL" CONSULAR RESPONSIBILITIES. POSTS FINDING IT DIFFICULT TO DEVOTE SUFFICIENT MAN-HOURS TO PRISONER SERVICES TO MEET THE DEPARTMENT'S STANDADS FOR SUCH SERVICES (SEE SCS HANDBOOK "PROTECTION OF AMERICAN NATIONALS ARRESTED, ON TRIAL, OR IMPRISONED") ARE EXPECTED TO REALIGN PRIORITIES WITHIN, AND IF NECESSARY OUTSIDE, CONSULAR SECTIONS TO FIND SUFFICIENT OFFICER TIME TO FULFILL THIS IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITY TO OUR CITIZENS. IF POST BELIEVES ADDITIONAL STAFFING REQUIRED IN ORDER PROVIDE OTHER REQUIRED SERVICES, COMPLETE AND DETAILED JUSTIFICATION SHOULD BE SUBMITTED SOONEST.
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